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December 1, 1944 Number 2

HELLO AGAIN:

Here we go with Volume Number Two of your monthly News Letter.

We hope you enjoyed Number One. Weare all interested in getting your reaction to the first issue and particularly anxious to learn what you want us to call it.

As we are all amateurs at this sort of thing we invite your criticism and will be guided by your wishes.

By the time the next issue goes to press, we hope to have heard from many of you.

Best of luck to each and every on of you from the folks e home.

Sponsors

Evelyn Johnson — Harvey Scranton
"Jim" Hemenway — Alice M. Dean
"Bill" Noyes — "Herb" Bryant
Fred Chisholm — Warren Gardner
Charles Taylor — Nils Lindell

## "W E S T  E N D  S C O R E"

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## SPORTS

Football

The West Bridgewater Mohawks played the Temple A.C. team of Campello Sunday and notted a6 to 6 tie. The Campello team outplayed the West Bridgewater lads the first half and scored in the2nd period from the 10 yard stripe. But the second half was a different story and the Temple achieved but one first down. The defense of the Mohawks that half was much improved and the offensive power also. In the third period the Mohawks kicked off, then held Temple for downs on Temple's 20 yard line; Temple booted to the 50 and the ball was run back to the 35 by Winn. West Bridgewater then proceeded to march the remaning 35 yards for a tally and the score was tied 6 up. In the fourth quarter the game nearly went to Temple, for a pass thrown from their own 30 yard line brought them down to the home team's 5 yard line, but there West Bridgewater rallied and held them on the 3. E. Winn was the outstanding player on the field. He made many good runs and did fine defensive work.

The scores of the five games' played to date are as follows:

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| Away | Mohawks | 0 | Eagle A.A. | 39 |
| Away | " | 7 | Campello A.C. | 6 |
| Away | " | 0 | Temple A.C. | 24 |
| Home | " | 0 | Stoughton A.C. | 0 |
| Home | " | 6 | Temple A.C. | 6 |

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Basketball

The plaque that the Normal boys won in the 1944 Y.M.C.A. tournament, has been cut into the assembly hall to get an official picture of the group. They are on the mass between the two doors in the back of the hall.

The boys' basketball team began practicing on November 6 with 29 boys present. The team and coach hope to better last year's record of 15 wins and 1 loss, which will be difficult but not impossible.

The most important event that happened last week was the ...in... of the Class B South Shore Tournament. To ac this the boys ... three straight over Westwood, Pembville, Marion and, in the finals, Dartmouth.

During the 15 games of the season, Howard split the first ... losing the second to Hanover, which was the only loss of the season. They made up for this by beating the next 13 games, and this, together with the tournament, makes 17 straight wins. The second time Howard played Hanover they won 36 to 20.

Howard had two wins each over the following teams. Holbrook, Avon, East Bridgewater, Dighton, Norwell; a split with Hanover and one win over Bridgewater.

One thing that the team will never forget about the season is the frames that Mr. Dirby will hold out in payment of his bets with the team members. Mr. Kirby now has to serve as a memorial for his lost frames hanging up in his store a picture of the team.

PERSONAL

This year it was thought advisable to cancel the usual Tri-Town Armistice Day Celebration with each town holding separate exercises. In our town the observance was held in the town hall on the evening of November 11, under the direction of West Bridgewater Post, American Legion. Dickie Goldie's orchestra was hired and Commander Harold Bourne was Master of Ceremonies. The services opened with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by prayer by Past Commander Edward Hurley. Group singing of old time songs was conducted by Arvid Hagglund. Past Commander Horace Snell was speaker for the world war I Memorial. Sgt. at Arms Clyfton Bourne placed a wreath on the boulder in front of the hall and taps were sounded. Past Commander William Noyes was the speaker. Dancing closed the evening.

Harold Bourne of Cochesett was installed Commander of the West Bridgewater Post American Legion, at the Town Hall recently. Mrs. Charles G. Taylor assumed the position of President of the Legion Auxiliary.

All the churches of West Bridgewater have set up honor rolls for their members in the Armed Forces.

The Charles Johnsons have moved from North Elm Street, West Bridgewater, to Broad Street, Bridgewater.

Fire Chief Edward Bourne was elected President of the Plymouth County Forest Wardens' Association at the annual meeting in Pembroke.

The West Bridgewater reporter for the "Brockton Enterprise" is now Warren Gardner, of the high school faculty.

Scoutmaster Charlie Andrews says that Troop 1 Boy Scouts are just as lively and energetic as they ever were. During the month of November so far, there have been a large number of hikes posted along with work in many outside activities. On Saturday, November 11, they collected 13,750 pounds of scrap paper and 600 pounds of rags for their part in the war effort. In the evening all of the members of the troop journeyed to Boston where they witnessed a performance of the Rodeo. Transportation was furnished by a number of the troop Committee. In the near future they will hold a Parent's Night when all members of the troop will receive awards from the war production for collecting the amount of 1,000 pounds each during the month of September. Other awards will also be made to Scouts for advancement, and an exhibition of some of the Scout training will be furnished for the parents and any others of the townspeople who are interested in Scouting. Ensign Lloyd E. Staples, former member, home on furlough from the Naval Training Station, was a special guest at their meeting on Monday evening. He explained to the boys how his scout training helped him especially in training the ranks which he has now reached.

The Brockton Airport has been appointed by the former U.S. Army Air Forces Training Command Instructors and is undergoing reconditioning in preparation for civilian flying, which now is permitted in this area.

Miss. Fredericka Willett, daughter of Lieut. Dr. Charles Willett and Mrs. Willett, has just returned home for a brief period after serving two years with the American Red Cross in England, where she was attached to a club which provided food, lodging and many comforts of home to U.S. Service men.

The War Fund Committee, under the direction of Chairman Ralph S. Frellick, has completed one of the most successful drives in this town, collecting a total of $1978. 91.

"H . H . S."

The H.H.S. students who help in the production of this paper have only one regret; that more doesn't happen in the old home town to tell you about. Those who "work their heads to the bone" are the Offi e Practice class and the members of the former staff of the school paper, which has given way to our news letter.

The Jitterbug Champs of the high school are George Carnes and Marilyn Coelho, by vote of the faculty. The teachers are no poor judges, cutting a mean jive themselves, straight from the rug.

The four classes at High School are headed by a group of familiar family names--Dick Goldie, Leon Beaulieu, Bill Twomey and Dick Swann.

Much chatter and chit in corridors and classes about a new marking system, 1,2,3,4,5 instead of A,B,C,D,E. But the old familiar feeling is still there when Pa sees the report card--"A rose by any other name" is still something you have to explain, and no good conduct ribbons to show either to bolster up the school front morale.

Ruth Bemis, wearing the grey uniform of the Cadet Nurse, is in training at the McLean Hospital. Her brother John, after a number of months in India with the Engineer Corps, has received a medical discharge and will resume his former work as a mechanic.

Tired of "Hanging around" waiting to be called into the Air Corps, John Buckley is getting a pre-view at the Ames School of Aviation in North Easton.

All the Juniors are together in Room 6 this year, with seats to spare even after two new pupils were enrolled. The Seniors are all together in Room 5 and if many more boys leave to serve Uncle Sam, we'll be just one great big happy (??) family in one home room.

On Friday, Oct. 27th, an assembly was h ld to commemorate Navy Day. Salutes were given to each branch of the Navy--including the Coast Guard and the Marines. A Navy quiz was conducted. Navy guests taking part in the program were Elliott Winn, Robert Cogswell and William Allen, home on leave.

The Senior Class play cast, under the direction of Mr. Humphrey, is finding it rather easy to get to play rehearsals on time this year, because if they don't there is a matter of a little fine to pay--5¢ for the first five minutes l te and 5¢ for each 2½ minutes thereafter. The money will be used for a party for the cast at the close of the rehearsal period.

The annual Hallowe'en party had an added spark of amuse- m nt this year. Elliott Winn, Aviation student, added to the evening's entertainment with his fatal charms, presenting a short impromptu skit of "Sailor Picking Up Girl" which was the result of a consequence dance. Elliott certainly seems quite experienced in this line of work, or is it a "line?"

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PFC Glyndon Gelder, who is stationed with the Medic l Corps t Camp Ellis, Illinois, has been home on a 15 day furlough.

Cpl. James Young has completed his studies at an Aviation mechanic school in Texas.

John Gunnow has arrived "somewhere in Italy", and has visited Naples.

Lucille and Robert Cogswell have both been home on leave. Lucille joined the SPAR'S in July, 1944 and is now a Hospital Apprentice 2/C. Robert, who is a gunner on a merchant ship, recently completed eight months sea duty which took him to India, Iran, South Africa, Europe and Argentina, delivering supplies to Allied forces.

After completing 30 missions over Europe, S/Sgt. William Crowley is home on leave. He holds the Distinguished Flying Cross, The Air Medal, and Three Oak Leaf Clusters. Bill was in the air on D-day, with the Eighth Air Force.

S/Sgt. Paul Anderson is now working in Washington, D.C. in the payrool department of the U. S. Army.

PFC Albert Katerzis has completed a course in the Coast Artillery and has been assigned to Fort Monroe, Virginia.

Lester Johnson of Crescent Street has left for training in the U. S. Navy.

Lt. Col. Everett ". Kidder spent a 10 day leave at his home before reporting for an overseas assignment.

M.M. 3/C William Chouinard has returned from Alaska where he has been stationed for 22 months.

Leon and Charles Blood, formerly of West Bridgewater have recently been home on furlough. Leon had the experience of being reported missing. In actuality, he escaped from a German Prison train and made his way in safety to his unit.

Cpl. George Asack of the Marines, "Jay" to his friends, was wounded in action on Saipan Island during the first week of fighting there. At a hospital base "somewhere in the Pacific," Jay met one of his old school pals, Eddie Michalowski, who had been wounded in the leg. Jay is now in Shoemaker, California, in a Naval Convalescent home and writes that he is feeling fine.

Julius Chambers, Signalman, 3/C is in the Marine Hospital at Staten Island, New York, with a broken jaw.

Pvt. Harold Hickson, formerly of WestBridgewater, is in an Army Hospital in England.

Early "Buddy" Gunnow is on a L.C.I. in the Philippines.

Donald Chadwick has had a discharge from the Army.

S/Sgt. Philip L. Bruce, airplane mechanic, was recently awarded the Bronze Star Medal by his commanding officer. Crew Chief of a P-51 Mustang, Sgt. Bruce serviced the plane for 150 consecutive combat hours without a mechanical failure.

S/Sgt. Jesse Morse, of the Air Transport Command, is now stationed "somewhere in North Africa".

## "NOTES AND QUOTES FROM YOUR LETTERS"

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Ensign Irene E. Johnson (NC) is on her way to the United States Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, Florida. Too bad Mass has to lose one of its best nurses. LUCKY FLORIDA! !

Pvt. Donald Burroughs writes that he is in the Regional Hospital at Camp Polk, in Lousiana.

Cpl. James ". Hodgson, "somewhere in France," writes that his brother Albert is in Italy.

First news from Lob Post ("Posty" to you) received in five months at the Old Hangout--Burque's Gas Stand--tells he is well and happy on some island in the Pacific. Said he had just recently met "Russ" Ripley and it was swell to see someone from home. Boys, you should see the picture he sent home; guess "Posty" isn't too lonesome.

We would like to say right here and now that you kids have done a grand job, sending your pictures to the old hangout with the exception of "Russ" Ripley. If he doesn't come across pretty soon, Charles Andrews is going to start out after him.. Gee, Russ, please send us a picture; we can't get along without Andrews, you know that, "What, no mail?"

Sgt. James Chaves is in France where he is enjoying the French peasant custom of washing his clothes in a nearby stream.

Charles Burroughs, U.S.N. 2/C writes that he has been to Greenland, Iceland, Canada, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, and expects he will soon be writing us about the Pacific.

Billy Browne, S-2/C, wrote Nov. 2, that he visited Swann and Malajian, who are training at the Naval Hospital in Balboa Park.. Bob Swann, Joe Pomeroy, Gigien, Cavacas and Dyer, all graduates of 1943 and 1944, are on the West Coast. Billy is still stationed at Coronado with no knowledge of the future.

"Doc" Anderson wrote to the "Clearing House" at Bunque's Station that he would like to hear from "Whitey" Lothrop and "Tubby" Miner. Come on, guys, give a fella a break. Write, won't you?

Howard Hales writes from Harvard, Neb. that the men were baffled by the disappearance of their goat mascot. It is strongly suspected that the pet ended up in the soup pot. It sure got their goat:(groan)

Pauline Stock, Y-2/C, and two other Waves have an apartment of their own "on the Beach" in Washington, D. C.

Pvt. Edward Erickson writes home that he is going to Cooks and Bakers School on an island in the Pacific. What's the matter with your wife, Ed, can't she cook????

COMMENTS: "Herb" says W.B. has 1727 voters, 102 increase over last election. He mailed 128 ballots to servicemen and had 62% returned. Dewey & Bricker-1025, Roosevelt & Truman-483; Cahill-381, Tobin 540; Beverage Licenses-#1, #2, & #3--Yes.

A.M.D. says we sent out 2?? News Letters and her records show 368 men and women, which include 25 discharges. Sorry, we haven't room for addresses in this number but will gladly answer any personal requests for them. Thanks for the cards and letters.